

PRICE DEMANDS RETRACTION.

SAYS HE HAD NO CONNECTION WITH COTTON SCANDAL.

Mr. Cheatham Also Says There Was No Evidence Against Him—Secretary Wilson Asked to Retract the Charge or Take His Chances in a Suit for Libel.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Theodore Price of New York, the cotton broker who was mentioned in Secretary Wilson's report on the cotton scandal in the Department of Agriculture, has requested Secretary Wilson "to withdraw the unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications contained in the published report made yesterday in connection with the removal of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr."

The request, which amounted practically to a demand, was made today through Mr. Price's attorney, William M. Ivins of New York. Messrs. Price and Ivins arrived here this morning, and early this afternoon Mr. Ivins had a conference with Secretary Wilson and Richard Cheatham of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. Mr. Ivins made known to Secretary Wilson that his client insisted upon a complete retraction, and that if he failed to receive such vindication he would proceed against Mr. Wilson under the libel laws.

Secretary Wilson has taken Mr. Price's request under advisement and will probably announce his decision in a few days. Mr. Ivins informed the Secretary that Mr. Price had obtained from Mr. Cheatham a signed statement, in which he (Cheatham) declared that Price's name was not mentioned in the charges submitted to Secretary Wilson and that so far as Cheatham knew there was no evidence connecting Mr. Price with the leaks or juggling in the Department. The following statement, together with that of Mr. Cheatham, was made public by Mr. Price to-night:

"Mr. Theodore H. Price was in Washington to-day, and through his attorney has requested Secretary Wilson to withdraw the unjust, offensive and unsubstantiated charges and implications contained in the published report made yesterday in connection with the removal of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr. The Secretary has Mr. Price's request under consideration. Meantime Mr. Price has secured from Mr. Richard Cheatham the following statement:

"Mr. Cheatham states that after evidence which he had furnished to Secretary Wilson was turned over to the Secret Service Department, his services were called upon by the Department to assist the man in whose charge the matter was placed to secure any additional evidence regarding the case. It was decided that more evidence might be secured in New York, and in the hope of doing so the Secret Service agent, accompanied by Mr. Cheatham, went there for that purpose. After working together in close touch for three or four days, the Secret Service agent and Mr. Cheatham were supposed to know something about the case were examined by the Secret Service agent alone, and after having fully gone over the ground and examining every one of the papers in the case, the Secret Service agent and Mr. Cheatham could possibly have any connection with the affair. Mr. Cheatham left New York.

"Before leaving he had a long conference with the Secret Service agent, who expected to leave a few hours later. During this conference a full discussion of the matter was had and Mr. Cheatham insisted that the Secret Service agent call the city, for the purpose of finding out what connection he had with the case, if any, as his name had been mentioned in one of the letters submitted as evidence.

"Mr. Cheatham was informed by the Secret Service agent that he had not been able to secure any evidence from any one that would in the least connect Mr. Price with the affair, and that he had been told by Mr. Haas (the Haas) did not know Mr. Price and had not any connection with him in any way. Up to the time that Mr. Cheatham left New York he was informed by the Secret Service agent that he had not seen Mr. Price, for the reasons above stated, and would not do so, as it was his opinion that it would be useless, as he had not been able to secure any evidence that would connect Mr. Price with the case.

"Up to the time the Secret Service agent closed his report Mr. Cheatham remained in close touch with him for the purpose of furnishing him with any facts connected with the case that were obtainable. Mr. Cheatham stated that he failed to learn of any new facts or even suggestions from any one who might know that Mr. Price was connected with the matter. Consequently Mr. Cheatham was very much surprised when he first noticed in the report given out by Secretary Wilson to the press the name of Mr. Theodore Price mentioned so prominently in connection with the case, as he did not know of any evidence that would connect Mr. Price with any one that would warrant the use of Mr. Price's name in connection with the affair.

"The arrival here of Mr. Price and Mr. Ivins and the interview of Mr. Cheatham by the Secretary, together with Mr. Cheatham's statement that Price, so far as his information goes, had no connection with the cotton leaks, add another interesting chapter to the cotton scandal.

Neither Mr. Price nor Mr. Ivins was inclined to discuss the case to-night. Mr. Price reiterated that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and that he held that the officer who was responsible for the statements that he secured information from Holmes must either retract or take his chances in the courts. Should Secretary Wilson decline to accede to Mr. Price's demand and proceedings be instituted under the libel laws it would have the effect of reopening the cotton scandal and renewing the investigation. Messrs. Price and Ivins returned to New York to-night.

It is very unusual, if not unprecedented, for a member of the Cabinet to be sued for libel. Senators and members of Congress cannot be held responsible under the law of libel for remarks made on the floor of the Senate or House, and it may possibly be questioned whether a member of the Cabinet is not immune from prosecution on account of statements made by him in an official report.

HOLMES MAY BE PROSECUTED
If Conspiracy Can Be Shown in the Juggling of Cotton Reports.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Despite the assertion of Secretary Wilson, in his report on the cotton scandal, that United States Attorney Morris H. Beach had informed him that a prosecution of Holmes was not possible under the law, there appears to be a difference between the two officers on this point. Mr. Cheatham had a long conference with Mr. Beach to-night, and Mr. Beach is understood to have said that the disclosures as published did not afford sufficient grounds for a charge of conspiracy, but at the same time he pointed out that if the inquiry was extended and positive evidence as to conspiracy obtained, Holmes and his associates might be criminally prosecuted.

Only half the story was told in Secretary Wilson's report. His statement was based upon the report of the Secret Service agents, but the really interesting features of that report were withheld for reasons that are not explained by Secretary Wilson. This action on the part of the Secretary is understood to have been a decided disappointment to the representatives of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association.

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ministration circles been aroused as they have been over yesterday's disclosures. The scandal is believed to have run back longer than was brought out in the report, and no doubt is expressed that there will be an even more thorough overhauling of the division having charge of crop reports than is indicated in the statement of Secretary Wilson.

CHINESE BOYCOTT FAILS.

At Shanghai Merchants Will Not Restrict Their American Trade.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, July 10.—According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post the Chinese authorities are encouraging the boycott of American trade, but so far as Shanghai is concerned, absolutely ineffectively. It is not believed that the merchants will take any action that is likely to restrict their trade.

Valuable Painting Stolen at The Hague.

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THE HAGUE, July 9.—At about noon yesterday a valuable picture by Frans Hals was out from its frame and stolen from the Art gallery. A large reward is offered for the painting. It is a portrait of a man with a broad collar.

ENDEAVORERS' COATS OFF.

Hot Weather, but a Great Meeting in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, July 9.—One of the largest men's meetings ever held in Baltimore and in the history of the Christian Endeavor Society took place this afternoon in the Armory. William Shaw, treasurer of the Society, and Professor Amos H. Wells, editor of the Christian World, were the chief speakers. The attendance was estimated at 10,000. The day was very warm and a great number of the vast audience of about 10,000 men discarded their coats, and even some of the officers and delegates on the platform sat throughout the service in their shirt sleeves.

The Rev. W. E. Biederwolf of Monticello, Ind., was the chief speaker and he closed the service with one of the greatest evangelistic appeals ever made to a large body of men in Baltimore.

In asking for those who were followers of Christ to take their hands over a thousand responded, and when he requested those who wanted to join the church to come forward to the platform and receive cards from the delegates fully 400 answered him and walked to the front, where he shook hands with them.

CONEY HAS A GREAT SUNDAY.

Staten Island Beaches Draw 15,000 Excursionists.

Coney Island had one of the best Sundays of the season yesterday. The 250,000 visitors apparently had plenty of money, and spend it freely, in contrast to the Fourth of July crowd, which, it was said, was the knowing ones, carried a much lighter purse.

The police were busy, several excise arrests being made, the much abused, but necessary sandwich falling to appear, according to Capt. Dooley's sleuths, when the drinks were served.

Peddlers were again tabooed and told to "move." Antonio Sartorio, a Greek, who refused his address, was the most mobile of all peddlers ever seen at Coney Island. He was arrested while selling lemonade from an immense brass pot, highly polished, holding about four gallons and weighing over 150 pounds, which the vendor carried on his back.

The crowd of visitors to Staten Island yesterday was the largest of the season. Every ferry was crowded and the trolley cars to the beach and Silver Lake were jammed, many passengers hanging to the running boards.

When the crowds were returning in the evening the congestion at the ferry terminal at St. George was the worst ever witnessed and it was almost a miracle that no accident happened.

It is estimated that 75,000 excursionists visited South and Midland beaches.

30 ARRESTS AT FORT GEORGE.

Police Try to Put a Stop to Disorderly Conduct There.

Inspector Sweeney started in to clean up Fort George yesterday. He took a dozen plainclothes men to the resort and stayed there all the afternoon, nabbing every one who was disorderly. By midnight he had made fifty arrests had been made. Most of the prisoners were charged with disorderly conduct.

RACE ROW AT A HOTEL.

Max Holtzheimer Says He Was Slighted Because He's a Jew.

After a row on the veranda of Martin Rauscher's hotel on Coney Island yesterday evening, Max Holtzheimer, a lawyer of Lewis and Vernon avenues, Brooklyn, was arrested and taken to the Coney Island police station charged with disorderly conduct.

Holtzheimer said the row started over the hotel people refusing to serve him because he was a Jew. He protested, he said, and they ordered him off the veranda. When he refused to go Rauscher called a policeman and had him arrested.

Minnehaha Signaled.

The Atlantic Transport Line Minnehaha, from London, was reported by Marconi wireless at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon sixty-five miles east of Nantucket lightship. She probably will be up to her pier about 7 o'clock this morning.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—Her suspicions aroused over the fact that her children were apparently inventing excuses to keep the daily newspapers from her, Miss Potts, the mother of the young woman, had to be told by her son, Dr. Charles S. Potts, of the charges of stealing jewelry that have been made against her daughter by Mrs. Mabel Jardine. The mother was prostrated with grief and is now in an extremely critical condition.

Confined to her bed with an incurable disease and never able to leave her room, Mrs. Potts remains a keen interest in the affairs of the outside world and scans the daily papers carefully each morning and evening, and she became suspicious when they were withheld from her this morning by her children.

Out of the charges which culminated a week ago in the issue of a warrant for Miss Potts's arrest is likely to come a social fight. Many friends of the young woman, who have been characterized by her accuser as a "female Raffles," have deserted her since the story of her accuser has been made public, but others have rallied to her side and refuse to believe any of the stories that have been circulated to her discredit.

Foremost among these are two young men of prominence who are the hands of the young woman. Both of them stand steadfastly by the young woman in the case and decline to be swayed in their regard for her by the stories, which they believe to be malicious inventions against her good name, and which she characterizes as blackmail. Since the story has been made public they both have been constant visitors at the house and at the office of her brother, Dr. Potts, at 173 Chestnut street, counseling and advising him as to the course to be pursued in clearing the girl's name of the charges that have been made against her.

Dr. Potts said to-day: "I cannot see upon what grounds the so-called 'dear, good friends' of my sister make these charges. Their evidence is certainly of the flimsiest character and I do not see how they can possibly prove their case."

"Miss Potts denies absolutely that she has taken any of the jewelry and is equally hurt and perplexed, with me, at the charges being made against her by those whom she believed her friends. It is true, unfortunately, that she has been present at several affairs where articles have been missed, but why should she be charged with stealing jewelry equally with my sister? She may be a hoodoo, but that is all there is to it."

When asked if it were true that he had made a settlement with Mrs. Henry W. Mendis of 1821 North Fifth street, who charged Miss Potts with stealing rings valued at \$2,500, Dr. Potts admitted that he had. "I was foolish to do so," he said. "I decided to make the settlement because I was tired of the charges and the demands rather than run the chances of such a story becoming public and reaching my mother's ears."

Another circumstance called to his attention is the fact that Miss Potts's accusers say that none of the jewelry has ever been recovered in any pawnshops of this or neighboring cities and that if she stole it and disposed of it, she must have had an accomplice. "I have not heard of her in this way. This Dr. Potts indignantly denied.

"My relatives have also lost jewelry when my sister has been visiting them," he said, "but they do not accuse her of it. She was with members of the family all the time she was in the house, and I do not see why other persons should accuse her of such things just because she happened to be visiting them at the time of the loss. She has visited other persons who have not lost anything," he added, with sarcasm.

An aunt and another relative of Miss Potts have lost jewelry valued at \$10,000 while she was visiting them, but the family deny any suspicion of guilt in connection with the young woman. Until he consults with counsel, which he will do to-day, Dr. Potts says he is undecided as to whether he will endeavor to settle the case out of court or fight.

SUICIDE HAD WEDDING CARD.

Man Who'd Registered as Bergman Dead in a Bowery Hotel.

A man who had in his pocket an invitation to an East Side wedding committed suicide in the Puritan Hotel, 183 Bowery, yesterday. He came into the hotel about 3 o'clock yesterday morning and asked for a room.

"What name, please?" said the clerk. "Oh, put down Mr. Bergman," was the reply. "Anything else?" he asked.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the hotel watchman smelled gas and traced it to the room of "Mr. Bergman." He climbed in through the transom and found "Bergman" lying undressed on the bed, his head against the wall. He was dead. The watchman called the police and the body was removed. The man was identified as Daniel Webster, a Russian Jew, who had been in the hotel for some time. He was about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and wore dark clothes and black shoes.

Condine's Lung Is Healing.

Word was received yesterday from the Adirondacks, where John R. Condine, a physician of the county, will be spending health for the last few weeks, announcing that an operation performed last week by Dr. Hartley of the New York Hospital, by which an abscess was removed from his lung, had been eminently successful and that the patient was rapidly improving.

Daniel Webster's Cousin Drowned.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., July 9.—Mrs. Charles Gray, who was drowned near Boulder Creek, was formerly Mrs. Amanda Monks, a famous Confederate spy during the rebellion. Mrs. Gray was over 60 years old, and had lived in the Santa Cruz mountains for thirty years. She was a first cousin of Daniel Webster.

Killed by Fall From Window.

Mrs. Catherine Donnelly, 80 years old, of 373 Baltic street, Brooklyn, put her head out of the window and fell from the fourth floor yesterday to get a skirt hanging on the clothesline. She was about to get to church. She fell to her death and was killed.

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BURGULAR HUNT NEXT THE HAR-
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The Ladies Were Attacking the Scuttle With Hammer and Chisel in Search of More Air When Police Arrived at Both Ends of the Stairway.

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He ran over to Sixth avenue, where he found Policemen Kennell and told a story of burglars and Kennell gathered in Conroy and Summers, plain clothes men of the same station.

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Kennell was admitted to the furnished room house after he had rung the bell a couple of times. He told the person who let him in that he was after a couple of burglars, and then he crept up the stairs softly with his revolver in his hand. Before he had got to the top of the first flight of stairs the noise of hammering began again, having stopped when he was admitted.

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When he got to the top floor he saw two white robed figures standing on a ladder. One was wielding a hammer, the other a chisel. The ladder they stood on led to the scuttle and they were trying to open that.

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In reply they dropped the hammer and chisel and descended the ladder. They were in their nighties and they indignantly demanded to know of the policeman why he had intruded. The cop explained.

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FAST MAIL IN A SHAMPOO.

Engine and Two Cars Run Very Fast Into a Corridor.

INITIAPOLIS, July 9.—Running at the rate of seventy miles an hour, the New York fast mail train on the Big Four Railroad collided with a freight train at Oakalla, five miles west of Greenacres, at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon, and though the engine, mail cars and passenger coaches were thrown from the track and dished not a passenger was injured by so much as a scratch. Fireman Tippy of the passenger train and Engineer Garner were both injured. The former, Tippy, but these were the only casualties, though the train carried more than a hundred passengers.

The trains had orders to pass at Oakalla, where the freight was to take the siding, and Station Operator Bartley went to dinner, leaving the signal blocks down, thus giving the passenger an open track to Greenacres. The freight was running on close time, and when it reached the siding the operator did not respond to the whistle and turn the switch. A few minutes later the freight train, which was on the main track, the passenger turned a curve 200 yards away.

The engineer and fireman saw that a collision was inevitable and they put on the emergency brakes and jumped. Garner cleared the train, but Tippy was caught under the engine and for two hours suffered terribly, but those were the only casualties, though the train carried more than a hundred passengers.

When the passenger train struck the freight engine left the track, carrying the mail and passenger coaches with it, and lunged into an open field for a distance of fifty feet before it and the train went over a ditch.

The passengers scrambled out as fast as they could, expecting to see a awful destruction of life, but were greatly surprised to find that not one of the many passengers had received a scratch. They attempted to release Fireman Tippy, but he was pinned under the engine, and nothing could be done till the wrecking crew arrived. Engineer Garner